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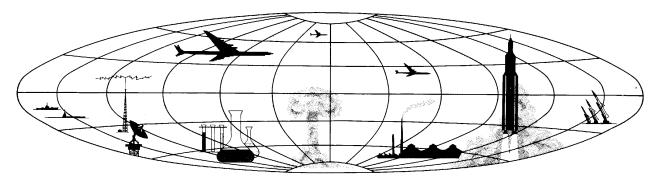






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PREFACE

THIS MISSION COVERAGE INDEX (MCI) LISTS THE INTELLIGENCE TARGETS IMAGED ON THE PHOTOGRAPHY

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ITEMS ARE ARRANGED IN TWO SECTIONS.

SECTION I PROVIDES SHORT DESCRIPTIONS FOR NEWLY IDENTIFIED TARGETS AND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TARGETS SHOWING CHANGE, AND ALSO PROVIDES ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION.

SECTION II PROVIDES A LISTING OF THOSE TARGETS WHICH REFLECT NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES FROM THE MOST ADEQUATE PREVIOUS DESCRIPTION.

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MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WHERE THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN FACILITIES AND WHERE NO ORDER OF BATTLE CAN BE DETERMINED ARE LISTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

TARGETS IN EACH SECTION ARE ARRANGED 1) WITHIN THE COUNTRY ACCORDING TO SUBJECT, 2) WITHIN THE SUBJECT BY WAC AREA, AND 3) WITHIN THE WAC AREA BY GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES IN ASCENDING ORDER. AN EXPLANATION OF COLUMN HEADINGS AND PHOTO REFERENCES USED IN PRESENTING THE INFORMATION IS CONTAINED

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IN THE APPENDIX. THE MAP BASE USED (WHEN AVAILABLE) FOR THE DERIVATION OF COORDINATES IN THIS MCI IS THE LATEST EDITION OF THE AMS SERIES L509, SCALE 1/250,000, L7012, 1/50,000, AND THE ATC SERIES 200, SCALE 1/200,000.

THE USER OF THIS MCI IS CAUTIONED THAT THE SCAN OF PHOTOGRAPHY WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME AND OFTEN WITHOUT THE AID OF PRECISE ANALYTICAL AND MENSURAL TECHNIQUES COMMONLY EMPLOYED IN DETAILED PHOTOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS. CONSEQUENTLY, ALTHOUGH THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HEREIN IS ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE, ADDITIONAL, DETAILED ANALYSIS MAY SOMEWHAT ALTER PORTIONS OF THE INFORMATION.

SECTION I

THIS SECTION PROVIDES SHORT DESCRIPTIONS FOR NEWLY IDENTIFIED TARGETS AND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TARGETS SHOWING CHANGE, AND ALSO PROVIDES ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION.

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	Target	Coordinates		WAC	Targe+	Numbers	
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	NOTE AAA DEFENSES ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE BASIC CATEGORIES LIGHT (ZPU-2, ZPU-4, 37MM), MEDIUM (57MM, 85MM), AND HEAVY (100MM AND LARGER). THE TERM HMGAA (HEAVY MACHINE GUN ANTIAIRCRAFT) INDICATES A WEAPON SMALLER THAN A ZPU-2. WHERE SUCH A CATEGORY CANNOT BE DETERMINED, THE SITE WILL BE LISTED AS AN AAA SITE AND THE NUMBER OF GUNS INDICATED (EXAMPLE 6-GUN AAA SITE, DCCUPIED/UNOCCUPIED).						
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	AIR INSTALLATIONS				25X1A		
À D	SAM: NEUA AIRFIELD 2 NM EAST OF SAM NEUA. 3,600 X 100 FT E/W SOD RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE. AIRCRAFT NONE OBSERVED. COMOR TARGET NO	2025N	10404E	Ø616		136-A	
	MILITARY INSTALLATIONS						
D	SAM NEUA, AAA SITE Ø.5 NM SE OF SAM NEUA ON ROUTE 6 AT UTM VHØ16573. ONE 4-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE, OCCUPIED, AND 5 BUILDINGS ENCIRCLED BY A TRENCH SYSTEM.	2024N	10403E	Ø616		136-H	
	XIENG LOUANG AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATIONS THREE ASSOCIATED AREAS IN XIENG LOUANG	2Ø24N	10414E	Ø616		498	

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T	Coordinates	WAC	Target Numbers	
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VICINITY. AREA A (5 NM NE OF XIENG LOUANG AT UTM VH195575) — APPROXIMATELY 100 BARRACKS/STORAGE—TYPE BUILDINGS, ONE 4—GUN AAA SITE PROBABLY OCCUPIED AND WITH 4 SUPPORT BUILDINGS, 1 PROBABLE 6—GUN HMGAA SITE PROBABLY OCCUPIED, AND 5 TRUCKS. HEAVY TRACK ACTIVITY OBSERVED. AREAS B AND C — NOT COVERED. SAM NEUA AREA, MILITARY AREAS TWO MILITARY AREAS IN SAM NEUA VICINITY (REFERENCED FROM SAM NEUA). AREA A (SOUTH EDGE AT UTM VH010571) — PARTIALLY FENCED BARRACKS AREA WITH APPROXIMATELY 10 BARRACKS, 1 LARGE ADMINISTRATION, AND 15 SUPPORT BUILDINGS. AREA B (APPROXIMATELY 2 NM EAST AND ADJACENT TO AIRFIELD AT UTM VH025577) — UNSECURED BARRACKS AREA CONTAINS 8 BARRACKS, 1 ADMINISTRATION, AND 5 SUPPORT BUILDINGS. NUMEROUS SMALL STRONGPOINTS OBSERVED ON RIDGES AROUND SAM NEUA. COMOR TARGET NO	2025N 10403E	Ø616		136-C

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	Target	Coordinates		WAC	Target Numbers		
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	MUONG LIET AREA, MILITARY CAMPS TWO MILITARY CAMPS IN MUONG LIET VICINITY.	2Ø28N	1Ø4Ø8E	Ø6 16		136-F	
Th.	AREA A (0.5 NM EAST OF MUONG LIET AT UTM VH121637) 2 SECURED AREAS CONTAIN 9 BARRACKS, 1 ADMINISTRATION, AND 8 SUPPORT BUILDINGS. A 4-GUN HMGAA SITE, OCCUPIED, AND 1 TRUCK OBSERVED.						
25X1D	AREA B NOT COVERED.						
	MUONG PHINE AREA, AAA SITES THREE SITES OBSERVED IN THE MUONG PHINE AREA AT THE JUNCTION OF ROUTES 9 AND 23.	1632N	1Ø6Ø2E	Ø617		192 - F	
	SITE A (UTM XDØ89277) 4-GUN LIGHT AAA, OCCUPIED。 SITE B (UTM XDØ93278) 6-GUN HMGAA,						
	OCCUPIED。 SITE C (UTM XDØ95278) 4-GUN LIGHT AAA,		:				
25X1D	OCCUPIED.						
	BAN SENG PHAN, AAA SITES FOUR AAA SITES Ø.4 NM NORTH OF BAN SENG PHAN. AREA CONTAINS ONE ABANDONED 5-GUN LIGHT, TWO	1729N	10542E	Ø617		358-B	
	4-GUN LIGHT UNOCCUPIED, AND ONE 6-GUN PROBABLE LIGHT UNOCCUPIED. A TRENCH SYSTEM OBSERVED IMMEDIATELY NE OF THE SITES ON EDGE OF FOREST.						
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25X1D	TOTATE BASIC SERVICES TCHEPONE HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER SE BANG HIENG 1.4 NM NW OF TCHEPONE ON ROUTE 9 AT UTM XD3Ø1462. TARGET WAS SUBJECT OF AIRSTRIKE ON 28 JAN 65. PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AS FOLLOWS. STRIKE SMOKE OBSERVED RISING FROM BRIDGE AREA. POST-STRIKE THE EAST CENTER SPAN OF THE 4-SPAN BRIDGE IS COLLAPSED, WITH A BOMB CRATER ADJACENT TO EACH END OF THE COLLAPSED SPAN. TWO BOMB CRATERS OBSERVED ON EASTERN	Coordinates	WAC 9617		
25X1A	APPROACH AND ANOTHER JUST SOUTH OF THE EASTERNMOST PIER. A BOMB CRATER OBSERVED ON THE PREVIOUSLY COLLAPSED EASTERNMOST SPAN. THE BRIDGE IS NO LONGER SERVICEABLE, BUT THE RIVER IS POSSIBLY FORDABLE WITHIN 0.5 NM ON EITHER SIDE OF THE BRIDGE. (SEE ATTACHMENT 1) COMOR TARGET NO				
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	BAN SENG PHAN ROAD BRIDGE OVER NAM NGO IMMEDIATELY EAST OF BAN SENG PHAN ON ROUTE 23 AT UTM WE744332. TARGET WAS SUBJECT OF AIRSTRIKE ON 31 JAN 65. (PHASES 1, 2, AND 3 WERE FILMED AT INTERVALS DURING THE STRIKE.) PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AS FOLLOWS. PRE-STRIKE 11-SPAN, DECK-TYPE, LOG BRIDGE APPROXIMATELY 240 X 10 FT. STRIKE (PHASE 1) EVIDENCE OF 2 STRAFING RUNS OBSERVED AT SE END OF BRIDGE ALONG RIVER BANK. PORTIONS OF BRIDGE RAILING DAMAGED. (PHASE 3) 2 ADDITIONAL BOMB CRATERS AT SWEND OF BRIDGE ALONG RIVER BANK, INCREASE IN DAMAGE TO BRIDGE RAILING. POST-STRIKE BRIDGE SUSTAINED LIGHT DAMAGE OVERALL AND IS PROBABLY SERVICEABLE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.	1729N 10542E	Ø617		358-C		
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	MISCELLANEOUS						
	ROUTE 6						
× .	SINGLE-LANE, NATURAL SURFACE, DRY-WEATHER ROAD APPARENTLY IN GOOD CONDITION OBSERVED FROM 20-28N 104-19E TO 20-17N 104-04E. ALL BRIDGES APPEAR SERVICEABLE.						

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1	Target	Coordinates	WAC	Target Numbers		
	101901	Coordinates	WAC.	BE	NPIC	
	ONE TRUCK OBSERVED TRAVELING WEST AT 20-26N					
	104-10E.					
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	ROUTE 23					
	SINGLE-LANE, NATURAL SURFACE, DRY-WEATHER ROAD IN GOOD CONDITION OBSERVED FROM 17-30N 105-43E TO 17-28N 105-42E. BRIDGE AT BAN SENG PHAN (17-29N 105-42E) IS PROBABLY					
	SERVICEABLE TO VEHICLES. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.					
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COLUMN HEADINGS

City, Installation--This column contains the name of the city or town nearest the installation, followed by the name of the installation. If the name of the installation is not known, it is titled according to its function. Where appropriate, the city and installation names are followed by a capsule description.

Coordinates -- Coordinates are referenced to the SW corner of the minute square. When the subject installation covers a wide area, coordinates are given for the approximate center of the installation.

 $\underline{\text{WAC}}\text{--This}$ column provides the World Aeronautical Chart number for that area in which the subject installation is situated.

Installation Numbers--This column is divided into two subcolumns. The first subcolumn lists, when known, the BE installation number assigned to the installation. The second subcolumn lists the installation number assigned by NPIC. Installation numbers, when used to reference an item, should be prefixed by the appropriate WAC number, since installation numbers are repeated from WAC to

WAC. For example, there is an NPIC target number 0499-15-A and an NPIC target number 0498-15-A. In each instance, the NPIC installation number is 15-A, but the installations appear on different WAC charts.

COMOR TARGET NUMBERS

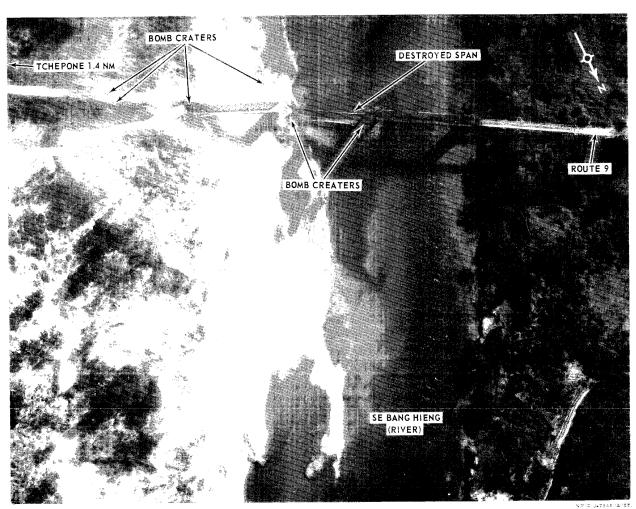
Target numbers assigned by the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR), when available, are listed directly above the photo reference data.

PHOTO REFERENCE DATA

The photo reference data indicates the frame(s) on which the installation appears.

CONDITIONS AFFECTING PHOTOGRAPHY

Following the photo reference data, symbols indicate conditions which affect the appearance of the installation on the photography. The symbols are: C (clear); SC (scattered clouds); HC (heavy clouds); SC-HC (scattered-to-heavy clouds); H (haze); CS (cloud shadow); SD (semi-darkness); O (obliquity); and PQ (poor image quality).



HIGHWAY BRIDGE, ROUTE 9, TCHEPONE AREA, LAOS

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